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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOK PURCHASE OF SOVIET MISSILES

REF: (A) STATE 72305, (B) KUWAIT 1592, (C) TEHRAN 2771

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, WE WILL INFORM THE SAG OF OUR INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPOSED KUWAITI PURCHASE OF SOVIET MISSILES AND THE LINE WE PROPOSE TO TAKE WITH THE GOK. WE AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THERE IS LITTLE THAT WE COULD DO WORKING THROUGH THE SAUDIS TO TURN OFF THE PURCHASE. THE ONE ARGUMENT WHICH MIGHT HAVE EFFECT WOULD BE THAT THE PURCHASE OF SOPHISTICATED SOVIET MISSILES WILL INEVITABLY IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER SERVE TO INCREASE SOVIET PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE IN KUWAIT. THE SAUDIS HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY MADE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE KUWAITIS. WE KNOW THAT THE SAUDIS ARE ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN KUWAIT AND DON'T HIDE IT FROM THE GOK. SAUDIS

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HAVE OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSED TO US THEIR ANNOYANCE AT WHAT THEY SEE AS KUWAITI NAIVETE IN THINKING THEY CAN ADEQUATELY CONTROL THE ACTIVITIES OF SOVIETS AND OTHER COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT.

2. THE MAIN ARGUMENT (I.E. THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FROG IS POTENTIALLY DESTABILIZING) IS UNLIKELY TO BE EFFEC-

TIVE WITH THE SAUDIS AND EVEN IF IT WERE THEY WOULD BE
RELUCTANT TO USE IT WITH THE GOK. THAT IS A KIND OF ADVICE
THEY DON'T ACCEPT AND ARE UNLIKELY TO PROFFER.
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